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The Woman's Southern Homoeopathic Hospital of Philadelphia

IS the outgrowth of a Dispensary opened on September 26, 1893, by Amelia L. Hess M. D. and Annie M. Miller, in a small room, 10 x 12, on the first floor of No. 708 St. Mary (or Carver) street. Although the outlook and surroundings were anything but encouraging, yet at the end of three months these quarters became so small that they were forced to rent No. 709 Lombard street and move their work to this house, where they remained for five months, when they again saw the necessity of more room, and on June 1, 1894, they removed to No. 321 South Seventh street. A short time afterwards they secured the store-room at No. 322 South Seventh street, and on May 1, 1895, they took the house No. 323 South Seventh street, where the work is now being carried on. To have more medical assistance, "The Woman's Homœopathic Medical Club" met together and decided to take up the work. They invited some friends to join them, and applied for a charter for a Hospital, Dispensary and Maternity, under the name of "THE WOMAN'S SOUTHERN HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA."



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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

TO THE HONORABLE.....

The Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia, Pa.:

In compliance with the requirements of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled “An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations, approved the 29th day of April, A. D. 1874, and the supplements thereto,” the undersigned Women Homœopathic Physicians of the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, having associated themselves together for the purpose of establishing a General Homœopathic Hospital, Dispensary and Maternity in the southern section of the City of Philadelphia and vicinity, and desiring that they may be incorporated according to law, do certify: That the name by which we have assumed to designate the Hospital and to be used in the business and dealings is “THE WOMAN’S SOUTHERN HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA.”

First.—The objects of said corporation shall be the maintenance of a Hospital, Dispensary and Maternity in the southern section of the said City of Philadelphia for the purpose of affording gratuitous homœopathic medical advice and medicines, and to provide medical and surgical aid for the sick and disabled, either in the wards of the Hospital or at their homes, and such other means as may tend to the prevention of disease, and restoration of health, to the poor of the southern section of the City of Philadelphia and vicinity.

Second.—That the place in this city where this Hospital, Dispensary and Maternity is located is in the southern section of the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania.

Third.—Said Hospital is to exist perpetually.

Fourth.—The names and residences of the incorporators are as follows:

Amelia L. Hess, M. D., 321 South Seventh street, Philadelphia.
 Annie M. Miller, 321 South Seventh street, “
 Mary Branson, M. D., 1719 Arch street, “
 Eliza F. Pettingill, M. D., 300 North Tenth street, “
 Anna M. Marshall, M. D., 1928 Chestnut street, “
 Eliza L. McClure, M. D., 1919 Wallace street, “
 and others.

Fifth.—The number of directors of said corporation is fixed at twenty, and the names and residences of those who are chosen directors for the first year are:

Amelia L. Hess, M. D., 321 South Seventh street, Philadelphia.
 Annie M. Miller, 321 South Seventh street, “
 Mary Branson, M. D., 1719 Arch street, “
 Eliza F. Pettingill, M. D., 300 North Tenth street, “
 Anna M. Marshall, M. D., 1928 Chestnut street, “
 Eliza L. McClure, M. D., 1919 Wallace street, “
 Harriet J. Sartain, M. D., 212 West Logan Square, “
 Mrs. George Pennock, Gladstone, “
 Mrs. Sarah E. Edwards, 1230 Arch street, “
 Miss Jennie G. Grieb, 526 N. Twenty-second street, “
 Miss Nellie Mitchell, 1009 Clinton street, “
 Miss Mackey, 1836 North Broad street, “
 Miss Martha Agnew Whyte, Linfield P. O., Pa.
 Miss Emily Peterson, 1722 Green street, Philadelphia.
 Mrs. Isaac Harrison, 1913 Wallace street, “
 Mrs. Edmund Webster, 1156 South Broad street, “
 Mrs. Charles Roberts, 1716 Arch street, “
 Mrs. William Supplee, 112 North Nineteenth street, “
 Miss Annie Morris, 1202 Arch street, “
 Mrs. E. Virginia Sellew, 457 North Sixth street, “

Sixth.—No stock issued.

Seventh.—Any property, real or personal, which shall hereafter be bequeathed, devised or conveyed to said corporation shall be taken and held, or enure to it, subject to the control and disposition of the directors thereof, or such constituted officers or representatives thereof as shall be composed of a majority of the Board of Directors.

WITNESS our hands and seals this thirtieth day of September,
Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

[SEALS]

AMELIA M. HESS, M. D.,
ANNIE M. MILLER,
MARY BRANSON, M. D.,
ELIZA F. PETTINGILL, M. D.,
ANNA M. MARSHALL, M. D.,
ELIZA L. MCCLURE, M. D.

Before the subscriber, the Recorder of Deeds for the City and County of Philadelphia, personally came Amelia L. Hess, M. D., Annie M. Miller, Mary Branson, M. D., Eliza F. Pettingill, M. D., Anna M. Marshall, M. D., Eliza L. McClure, M. D., six of those who have subscribed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, who, in due form of law, acknowledged the same to be their act and deed, and the act and deed of their associates according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the thirtieth day of September, A. D. 1896.

[SEAL]

WM. M. GEARY,
Recorder of Deeds.

DECREE.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA, ss.

And now, October 31st, A. D. 1896, the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation having been duly acknowledged before the Recorder of Deeds of Philadelphia, and the same duly certified under the hand and official seal of the said Recorder of Deeds, and having been duly presented to me, the undersigned, a Law Judge of the said county, accompanied by proof of the publication of the notice of such application, I certify that I have perused and examined said instrument, and that I find the same in proper form and within the purposes named in the first class, specified in the second section of the Act of Assembly, approved the twenty-ninth day of April, 1874, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corpora-

tions," and that the same appears lawful and not injurious to the community. It is therefore ordered and decreed that the said Charter be and the same is hereby approved, and upon the recording of said Charter and order, the subscribers thereto and their associates shall be a corporation for the purposes and upon the terms therein stated.

MICHAEL ARNOLD,
Judge.

[SEAL]

CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.

Recorded in the office for Recording Deeds, etc., in and for the City and County of Philadelphia, in Charter Book No. 456, page 26.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 31st day of October, A. D. 1896.

[SEAL]

WM. M. GEARY.

COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA, ss.

Filed in the office of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for said county, this 31st day of October, A. D. 1896.

WM. B. MANN,
Prothonotary.

CONSTITUTION.

OBJECTS OF THE INSTITUTION.

As stated in its Charter, "the objects of said corporation shall be the maintenance of a Homœopathic Hospital, Dispensary and Maternity in the southern section of Philadelphia and vicinity, for the purpose of affording gratuitous homœopathic medical advice and medicines, and to provide medical and surgical aid for the sick and disabled, either in the wards of the hospital or at their homes, and such other means as may tend to the prevention of disease and restoration of health to the poor of the southern section of Philadelphia and vicinity."

DEPARTMENTS.

There are three departments :—

1. The Hospital.
2. The Dispensary.
3. The Maternity.

The work of the Dispensary is subdivided into—

1. Eye Department.
2. Throat, Nose and Ear Department.
3. All other Dispensary cases.

Patients are admitted without restriction as to color or religion.

MEDICAL COMMITTEE.

The Medical Committee has general supervision and control of the medical and sanitary affairs of the Hospital, Dispensary and Maternity.

Resignations of members of the medical organizations and applications for leave of absence must be obtained from the Chairman of the Medical Committee, and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed in each case. Want of attention or lack of efficiency in any of the medical or surgical departments must be reported to the Medical Committee.

The Medical Committee will prescribe the rules to govern the purchase and care of surgical instruments, and the purchase and

sale or donations of medicines, or the class of cases that will be treated in the Hospital and Dispensary.

No patient shall be received or treated in any other part of the building than the rooms or wards set apart for Hospital or Dispensary work.

ATTENDING PHYSICIANS.

1. There shall be six Attending Physicians chosen by the Board annually. The Attending Physicians shall allot to each of their number three consecutive months in each year, during which time the Physician so chosen shall be on duty.

2. The Attending Physician on duty shall visit the wards daily, if necessary. She shall record each visit in a book provided for the purpose.

3. She shall examine every applicant for admission, and furnish certificates to such patients as are deserving of treatment, in accordance with the rules adopted by the Board and the Medical Committee: *Provided*, That in the intervals between her daily visits patients whose cases are urgent may be temporarily admitted by the Resident Physician, subject to said rules.

4. The Attending Physician may summon the Consulting Physician or Surgeon for consultation in any case in which she may deem it expedient to do so.

5. Except in cases not admitting delay, no important surgical operation shall be performed without a previous consultation, of which all the Attending and Resident Physicians shall have due notice, and one of the Consulting Surgeons when possible.

6. In case of inability of the Attending Physician on duty to serve during any part of her allotted term, a substitute shall be procured acceptable to the Medical Committee; if possible, one of her colleagues.

7. Each Attending Physician shall request the attendance of her successor when she is to make the last of her official term. She shall then transfer all her cases under her care, communicating the nature and history of each case, and the treatment of it.

8. The Attending Physician shall report through the Resident Physician, to the Medical Committee, monthly, the name and condition of each occupant of a bed who shall be more than three months in the Hospital, together with her opinion of the benefit likely to

accrue from longer continuance. She shall also discharge patients when sufficiently recovered to make it proper.

.9. Each Physician or Surgeon accepting an appointment from the Board thereby agrees to furnish her services gratuitously as a charity to the sick and disabled patients who may be under her care.

It shall be the duty of the Attending Physician to make *post mortem* examinations of such cases as shall be deemed of a character to justify such autopsy, first ascertaining that the relatives, if there be any, do not object, and she shall record the results in all cases.

CONSULTING SURGEONS AND PHYSICIANS.

The two Consulting Surgeons and the two Consulting Physicians chosen by the Board shall be called upon at any time that the Attending Physician may deem it important to have the benefit of their advice. Each such call shall be reported to the Chairman of the Medical Committee.

THE RESIDENT PHYSICIAN.

The Resident Physician shall be a graduate of Homœopathic Medicine in good standing and shall be elected as provided for in Article 13, of the By-Laws, upon the recommendation of the Medical Committee, and, unless excused by the Board of Directors, shall continue in the service of the institution for the full term for which she is elected. She shall accept no other appointment or service, but shall devote her whole time to the duties of her post. She shall be provided with room, board, washing, fuel and lights in the institution, under the direction of the House Committee, free of expense.

She shall not publish or furnish for publication any information respecting any of the cases treated in the Hospital, Dispensary or Maternity, unless directed to do so by the Board of Directors or the Medical Committee.

The Resident Physician shall regularly visit each patient in the wards under her care, at least every morning and evening, and more frequently, if necessary; shall see that the nurses are faithful in attending to their duties, reporting any neglect on their part to the Matron and Attending Physician.

She shall accompany the Attending Physician in her daily visits to the wards, render her any service required, and carry into effect her directions. She shall register in her own handwriting, on the prescription sheet, the number of the bed, all medicines, remedies

and diet that may be ordered for each patient, and shall in no case give verbal orders. In all urgent cases requiring the presence of the Attending Physician she shall notify her without delay.

She shall, as soon after admission as possible, write legibly on a card, to be placed at the head of the bed of the patient, the name, age and date of admission. She shall also keep a careful record, in a book provided for that purpose, the name, age and date and authority of admission and discharge, disease, treatment, and result of all cases under her care, and shall make out a monthly statement of all cases, Hospital, Dispensary or Maternity in detail, also an annual report of the same to be furnished to the Board.

It shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to be present at the *post mortem* examinations, if called upon by the Attending Physician.

Surgical instruments and apparatus shall be purchased only on the written authority of the Medical Committee, and all such belonging to the Hospital shall be in the custody of the Resident Physician. It shall be her duty to see that they are kept in perfect order and ready for use when needed. She shall also keep an inventory of all such instruments belonging to the institution, accessible for inspection by the Medical or Visiting Committee. No instrument shall be loaned.

The Medical Committee shall prescribe rules to govern the purchase, care, sale or donation of medicines, and shall approve bills for all such purchases made by the Resident Physician before payment by the House Committee.

The Resident Physician shall direct the attention of the Matron to anything that may be necessary to insure an efficient ambulance service. She shall accompany the ambulance each time it is called to go out for a patient.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The House Committee has general oversight of the Hospital, Dispensary and Maternity, and controls its household affairs, including the appointment and discharge of all employees.

No expense of any description (except such as may be incurred in the purchase of medicines and surgical instruments) shall be incurred on account of the Hospital, Dispensary or Maternity, without the authority of the House Committee.

The House Committee shall prescribe the rules to govern the purchase and care of all materials required in conducting the Hospital and Dispensary, except medicines and surgical instruments; also to govern all employees. It shall pay either direct or through the Matron all bills for expenditures it authorizes.

Want of attention or lack of efficiency of any employee (except in the medical or surgical departments) must be reported to the House Committee. Nurses and all other employees when sick must be treated and cared for in the regular Hospital wards.

MATRON.

1. The Matron shall (under direction of the House Committee) be the executive head of the Hospital, Dispensary and Maternity, and shall perform the following and such duties as the said Committee shall, from time to time, assign her.

2. She shall employ and discipline the ward-nurses. The number of nurses to be employed and the salaries to be paid shall be determined by the House Committee. The Resident Physician shall give the Matron such assistance in procuring nurses as she may desire and she be able to render without seriously interfering with her other duties. Nurses shall be discharged by the Matron on written request of the Resident Physician if the reasons given for the request are satisfactory to the Matron. If there should be any important difference of opinion as to the propriety of discharging any nurse, the Matron shall report the facts to the House Committee and the Resident Physician to the Medical Committee. The question at issue shall be decided by these committees in conference.

3. She shall employ, discipline, and discharge all other employees. Their number and wages shall be determined by the House Committee.

4. She shall purchase all provisions, linen, furniture and supplies of every description (except medicines and surgical instruments) that may be required in conducting the work of the institution.

5. She shall be provided with the necessary funds by the Chairman of the House Committee for the payment of all wages and of any necessary small cash purchases. She shall keep a proper book record of all receipts and payments, and shall submit the same with vouchers to the inspection of the House Committee when required.

6. She shall pay over to the Treasurer all sums of money received by her as donations to the institution, with dates of receipt

and name of donor, and shall disburse no money except that received from the Chairman of the House Committee.

7. She shall see that all linens purchased for the institution or donated to it is properly marked and stored in the general linen-room, and that a book-record be kept of its receipt and distribution under a suitable system. She shall keep a book-record of all donations of every sort received for the institution.

8. She shall be responsible for the general cleanliness and good order of all the Hospital buildings and grounds, and shall report promptly any repairs or alterations that she may deem necessary or desirable.

9. She shall take charge of all money or other valuables brought to the Hospital by patients, keeping them in numbered envelopes in the lock-box provided for them, shall make a proper book-record thereof, to be submitted monthly to the House Committee. She shall return all such property to the patients when they leave the Hospital, taking proper receipts therefore, or, in event of death, to the Treasurer for delivery to the legal heirs.

10. She may be absent from the Hospital for rest and recreation one day in every two weeks and every other Sunday, and at such other times only as may be absolutely necessary in connection with her duties to the Hospital, or as it may be specially authorized by the House Committee.

11. She shall report fully to the House Committee respecting all matters of interest in connection with the current operations of the institution, and shall make such recommendations to that committee, from time to time, as may, in her judgment, be in the interest and efficiency of the Hospital, Dispensary and Maternity.

NURSES.

The House Committee shall prescribe the number of nurses to be employed, and the rates of pay they are to receive. The nurses shall be employed, disciplined and discharged by the Matron, and must conform to the rules that she may prescribe.

They shall be neatly attired in cotton goods, and shall see that the directions of the Attending or Resident Physician, as to all medical and sanitary matters, are given to them in writing, and are promptly carried out. They must obtain permission from the Matron for any desired absence from duty.

VISITORS.

Visitors to patients will be admitted daily between the hours of 2 and 4 P. M., and at other times by a special order of a member of the Board or of the Resident Physician.

No visitor under the influence of liquor shall be admitted to the wards.

No liquor, tobacco, provisions, or medicines of any kind shall be furnished by visitors to the patients.

There is no objections to reading in a low tone of voice to any individual patients who may, in the judgment of the Resident Physician, be entertained and not harmed thereby.

Loud reading and singing cannot be permitted in the wards, as patients under treatment require absolute rest and quiet.

Smoking will not be permitted in the wards, waiting room or halls of the Institution.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any person disposed to become a contributor to the Hospital, Dispensary or Maternity, shall have his or her name submitted to the Board of Directors, and a majority of those present agreeing thereto, and on payment of the sum of five dollars per annum, shall be a member and entitled to all the privileges of the Institution. Any person contributing the sum of thirty dollars or upwards, and being approved by the Board of Directors, shall be a life member, and entitled to all the privileges of the Institution.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

NAME, OBJECT AND LOCATION.

SECTION 1. This institution shall be known as the "WOMAN'S SOUTHERN HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA."

SEC. 2. The object of said institution shall be the maintenance of a Woman's Homœopathic Hospital, Dispensary and Maternity in the southern section of Philadelphia and vicinity, for the purpose of affording gratuitous medical advice and medicines, and to provide medical and surgical aid for the sick and disabled, either in the wards of the Hospital or at their homes, and such other means as may tend to the prevention of disease, and restoration of health, to the poor of the southern section of the City of Philadelphia and vicinity.

SEC. 3. This Hospital is to be located in the southern section of the City of Philadelphia and vicinity.

ARTICLE II.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. There shall be not less than twenty directors of this institution.

SEC. 2. The directors of this institution shall be elected annually, to hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

SEC. 3. The officers of this company shall consist of President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. All vacancies from death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board of Directors, to serve until the next annual meeting of the contributors.

ARTICLE III.

ANNUAL MEETING.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the contributors shall be held on the last Thursday of September of each year, between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock P. M., of which due notice will be given according to law.

SEC. 2. The Board of Directors shall cause to be prepared and shall adopt at its first meeting after the close of the fiscal year, a detailed report of the affairs of the institution, to be read before the contributors at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

STATED MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The stated meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the Hospital on the last Tuesday in each month, between 4 and 6 o'clock P. M. Seven directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The order of business shall be:

1. Names of members present noted.
2. Minutes of preceding stated and special meetings read.
3. Report of Resident Physician.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Reports of Committees in the following order:
 1. Finance Committee.
 2. House Committee.
 3. Medical Committee.
 4. Religious Committee.
 5. Special Committees.
6. Other Business.

SEC. 2. Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the Secretary on request of the President or any three Directors; notice, stating the object of the meeting, being mailed to each member at least twenty-four hours before time of such meeting. No business shall be transacted at any special meeting except that for which the meeting was convened, unless a majority of the whole Board be present and unanimously consent.

ARTICLE V.

THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside and maintain order at all meetings of the Board; she shall appoint chairmen of the following Standing Committees, at the annual meeting, to serve for one year:

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| Finance Committee. | Medical Committee. |
| House Committee. | Religious Committee. |
| Admission and Discharge Committee. | |

When requested by the chairman of any committee, the President shall appoint substitutes to take the places of any members who are unable because of absence or otherwise, to attend to their duties.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President in her absence. In case of any vacancy in that office, she shall be *ex officio* President until the vacancy is filled.

ARTICLE VI.

THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall keep full minutes of the proceedings of the Board, issue timely notices of meetings, and furnish the chairman and members of all committees, and all physicians, officers and agents with prompt notice of their appointment. When special meetings are appointed she shall give prompt written notice to the chairman of the names of the members of the committees and the subjects referred to them. She shall give due notice when names are added to the list of Honorary Members, and shall notify Life Members of their election.

She shall have charge of the seal of the Corporation and of all papers and documents, except the charter and evidence of investment; and, with the President, shall sign all orders on the Treasurer drawn by direction of the Board.

She shall keep a record of all bequests, by will or otherwise, and shall report to the Board at the time they become due, so that the Board may direct their collection.

ARTICLE VII.

THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall be *ex officio* a member of the Finance Committee; shall receive and have the custody of all moneys and evidences of investment belonging to the institution, and also of its charter. She shall keep correct accounts, and make a report at each stated meeting of the Board, of the actual financial condition on the last Tuesday of the current month. She shall appropriately acknowledge all money received.

She shall deposit all receipts with a depository approved by the Board, in an account to be kept in the name of "The Woman's Southern Homœopathic Hospital of Philadelphia," by the Treasurer.

She shall pay no moneys for expenses except on orders signed by the Presiding Officer and Secretary of the meeting at which the orders are directed to be drawn.

ARTICLE VIII.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee shall consist of three members of the Board, to be appointed by the President and the Treasurer *ex officio*. It shall have general supervision of the financial affairs of the institution, including the devising and carrying out of plans for raising the funds necessary to conduct the current work of the institution.

It shall make investments of the money belonging to the institution, subject to the approval of the Board.

All investments shall be made in the name of "The Woman's Southern Homœopathic Hospital of Philadelphia."

ARTICLE IX.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The House Committee shall consist of three members of the Board, to be appointed by the President. It shall make frequent visits to the Hospital; shall control the household affairs; the appointment and discharge of all employees; and have general oversight of the Hospital, Dispensary and Maternity. It shall meet the Monthly Committee at 4 P. M. on the Saturday before the last Tuesday of each month.

It shall examine the accounts of the Matron, control all purchases, examine and approve all bills, and shall make a detailed report to the Board at each stated meeting of all expense incurred and bills paid in the previous month. The Chairman shall deposit the funds he receives from the Treasurer with a depository to be designated by the Board in the name of "The Woman's Southern Homœopathic Hospital of Philadelphia," by ———, Chairman House Committee, and shall keep clear and correct record of all receipts and expenditures of the Committee. She shall furnish the Matron with funds to pay wages and for necessary small cash purchases. She shall pay by check all bills approved by House Committee.

ARTICLE X.

MEDICAL COMMITTEE.

The Medical Committee shall consist of three members of the Board, to be appointed by the President, and the Chief of the Staff of Attending Physicians, *ex officio*. It shall make frequent visits to the Hospital and shall have general supervision of the medical and sanitary affairs of the institution. In case of a vacancy occurring in the list of Consulting Physicians, or in case the Medical Committee authorizes a temporary leave of absence, it shall appoint substitutes, subject to the approval of the Board. Attending or Resident Physicians desiring leave of absence must apply to the Chairman of the Medical Committee or to the Chief of the Staff, and be governed by the decision of the Committee as communicated by her.

It shall receive applications for the post of Resident Physician, and shall submit the same to the Board with its recommendations. All questions as to the duties and responsibilities of any of the medical organizations shall be decided by the Medical Committee, subject to the approval of the Board.

The Medical Committee shall prescribe the form of records and reports to be made by the Attending Resident Physician, and shall know that its instructions with reference thereto are strictly complied with.

ARTICLE XI.

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE.

It shall be the duty of the Religious Committee to visit the Hospital, Dispensary and Maternity, and extend to the patients such religious advice and attention as may be deemed proper.

ARTICLE XII.

SOLICITOR.

The Solicitor shall have charge, under direction of the Board, of all legal questions in which the institution may be interested. He shall be available for counsel respecting the investment of the funds of the institution in real estate or other securities; the collection of bequests by will; and in all other matters where his counsel is desired by the Board, its committees or officers.

ARTICLE XIII.

MATRON AND RESIDENT PHYSICIANS.

The Board shall elect a Matron whenever a vacancy occurs in that office. Applications for the office of Matron shall be made through the House Committee.

At its stated meeting in September of each year it shall elect two Resident Physicians, one to take office on October 1st, and one on March 1st next ensuing, and each to serve for one year. The Board may postpone the election of either or both Residents until a subsequent meeting if it deems such action desirable for any cause. Application for the office of Resident Physician shall be made through the Medical Committee.

ARTICLE XIV.

AMENDING BY-LAWS.

Any proposition to alter, amend, or add to the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations must be submitted, in writing, at a stated meeting, and lie over until the next stated meeting of the Board. It shall then require two-thirds vote of those present, for adoption: *Provided*, That by the unanimous consent of all present, and by law, rule or regulation may, in case of emergency, be suspended for one month.

RULES OF ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE.

1. All patients applying for admission to the Hospital shall be examined by the Physician or Surgeon on duty or by his authorized representative. When the application is made at the Hospital in the absence of the Physician or Surgeon on duty, the Resident Physician shall make the examinations. In case of examinations elsewhere than at the Hospital, if the Physician or Surgeon on duty shall not be able to examine promptly, the authorized representative or other member of the Medical Staff shall make the examinations. All examinations shall be subject to the approval of the Physician or Surgeon on duty.

2. If urgent reasons for immediate admission are given in the certificate of examination, the Resident Physician shall admit the patient at once, and report the admission and reasons to the Committee on Admission.

3. If the case be examined and found admissible, and the board of the patient is provided for, it shall be admitted by the Resident Physician without delay, and reported to the Committee on Admission.

4. Accident cases, provided application, if possible, be made within twenty-four hours after the accident has occurred, shall be admitted upon application, and reported to the Committee on Admission.

5. All other cases applying for admission shall be examined and reported to the Committee on Admission, and their admission or rejection shall be determined by the committee.

6. When the Physician or Surgeon on duty shall consider patients ready to be discharged, the Resident Physician shall discharge them and report to the Committee on Admission and Discharge of Patients. But no patient shall be retained in the Hospital for a longer period than three months without the consent of the committee, and such consent shall require urgent reasons.

7. The rates of board shall be such as the Committee on Admission may direct or approve. The Resident Physician shall require patients, or their friends, to contribute whatever may be possible towards their support, that the benefits of the Hospital may be extended to the greater number.

8. The Physician or Surgeon on duty, or the Resident Physician, if the discipline of the Hospital shall require it, may discharge a patient for misconduct, subject to the revision of the Committee on Admission and Discharge, to whom such cases shall be promptly reported.

CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION.

1. Examination by Hospital Physician.
2. Accident cases are always admitted if brought within twenty-four hours of the accident..
3. Persons having contagious diseases cannot be admitted.
4. Blank forms, containing more particular information, can be obtained on application, from the Resident Physician.

HOW TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION.

Either write to the Resident Physician or call at the Hospital, 321-323 South Seventh street, giving a full account of the case for which admission is desired, and information will be given.

VISITORS.

The friends of patients are admitted daily, from 2 to 4 o'clock P. M. Cards of admission can be obtained at the office.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORIGIN OF THE WORK.

The work which the Incorporators and this Board of Directors are about taking up, began on the 26th of September, 1893, at No. 708 St. Mary (or Carver) street, in a third-story back room, which we used for a living room, and a little room 10 x 12 on the first floor for a dispensary.

We opened the dispensary with everything that, humanly speaking, was calculated to discourage and hinder progress; but notwith-

standing this we had 36 house patients the first month and made 65 out-calls. The second month doubled the first and the third the second. At the end of this time our quarters became too small and we moved to No. 709 Lombard street, where we remained five months, when we had again outgrown our limits and we were obliged to move. This time we located at No. 321 South Seventh street, June 1, 1894. Dr. Mulford, who helped in the dispensary work from the beginning, now came to live with us, and this took away two of our rooms, necessitating our renting a large store-room across the street from our house for the dispensary.

The work continued to grow steadily, and eventually we felt the need of taking another house, which we did on May 1, 1895, when we opened our private hospital, at No. 323 South Seventh street. We opened this hospital with one patient's bed and bed and a little furniture for the nurse's room. Up to this time we have had 42 patients in the hospital.

The meals were served from the kitchen of No. 321 South Seventh street until late in the fall of 1895, when our two nurses took charge of No. 323 South Seventh street, and the meals of the patients were served from there.

Up to August 1, 1895, we had made 2,674 out visits, and seen 3,683 patients in the dispensary, or a total of 6,357 patients for one year and ten months. From August 1, 1895, to September 29, 1896, we have had 1,206 out visits, and seen 2,520 dispensary patients, or a total of 4,726. The sum total of all prescriptions made since the opening of the work has been 11,083.

Our rent during this time has been as follows:

For No. 708 St. Mary street,	. . .	\$6 66	per month.
“ 709 Lombard street,	. . .	25 00	“
“ 321 and 323 S. Seventh st.,	66 67	“	“
For Dispensary, 322 S. Seventh st.,	16 00	“	“

The whole amount of rent paid by us for carrying on of the medical part of the work is \$2,029. We would simply state here that we never in any way solicited money. Whatever was given was absolutely voluntary.

AMELIA L. HESS,
ANNIE M. MILLER.

DONATIONS TO THE WORK.

5 iron bedsteads, with springs, mattresses and bedding; 5 cane-bottom seated chairs; 4 upholstered chairs; 1 rocking chair; 1 steamer chair; 2 high chairs (infant's); 1 crib with mattress and bedding; 2 washstands; 2 bureaus; 2 cots; set of dishes, etc.; 14 window screens; 80 yds. matting; 2 baby carriages; 1 cradle; 2 washtubs; 1 washboard; 1 cradle; paper; envelopes; and 2 cards for Dispensary. Provisions: flour, bread, pie, cakes, corn, cabbage, apples, onions, lima beans, beets, potatoes.

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Dr. Hess and Miss Miller: 1 rocking chair, 2 egg stoves, 1 oil heater, 2 beds, 1 bureau, 1 washstand, 1 wire mattress and bedding, 1 child's crib, 2 tubs and washboard, 1½ dozen wooden chairs, 2 mattresses for cots, 1 table, 3 dozen fruit jars, 5 iron bedsteads, with springs, mattress and bedding, 5 cane-bottom chairs, 4 uphol-

stered chairs, 1 steamer chair, 2 high chairs (infants), 2 baby carriages, 1 cradle, 14 window screens, and part of a set of dishes, odds and ends.

Mr. Rosenthal: 1 desk.

Dr. W. C. Stokes: 1 sofa.

Dr. L. W. Stokes: 2 gross corks, 2 gross bottles, and 58 Homœopathic remedies.

H. L. Northrop, M. D.: dispensary cards.

Mrs. Samuel Fox: rolling chair.

Swarthmore College: 6 cots.

Emily B. Stokes: carpets.

Anna Morris: blankets.

R. J. Branson: 3 bushels of potatoes.

Mrs. J. McIlwain: counterpane.

Dr. Harriet J. Sartain: bureau, table and leaves, washing machine, rocking chair, comfortable and old linen.

Dr. Pettingill: 1 bookrack.

Mrs. William H. Barnes: bookcase, desk, 5 chairs, hallrack, table and screen.

A. S. Woodruff, Pottstown, Pa.: 1 meat chopper.

Dr. Loos: 1 coal stove.

Mrs. Virginia C. Sellew: 1 large vegetable dish and 2 small vegetable dishes, 1 tureen, 6 silver teaspoons, 6 dinner plates, 6 tea plates, 6 saucers and 12 dessert dishes.

Mrs. A. A. Reeves: 1 bureau.

Mrs. J. D. Pratt: table, rocking chair, feather bolster, baby spread, 1 pillow.

Dr. McClure: chenille curtain, glass berry dish, 4 glass dessert dishes, glass fruit basket, 6 silver knives, 6 silver forks, 2 silver tablespoons, 1 pair of obstetrical forceps, cotton, grove director, 1 ear speculum, 1 tongue depressor, 1 tournequett, 1 small mattress, 2 pillows, 2½ yards cretonne, 1 cot, 1 large iron soup kettle and 8 pint jars, 1 silver ice pitcher, odds and ends.

Mary Wood: 1 dozen napkins, 2 dozen towels.

Sarah Smith: 3 linen table cloths.

Finley Acker & Co : ¼ lb. of tea, a package of each of the following: oatmeal, snowdrift gran hominy, farina, corn starch, gran tapioca, rice, 3 boxes gran gelatine.

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